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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETINGS, BRUSSELS, MARCH 3/4:
NON-SUMMIT ITEMS

1. DURING BRIEFING MARCH 6, JOHN CAMPBELL, IRISH DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR, TOLD US THAT EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MARCH 3 AND 4 HAD BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THREE TIEMS WHICH WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK'S SUMMIT. SUMMIT AGENDA ITEMS ARE REPORTED IN SEPTELS. THE THREE NON-SUMMIT ITEMS ARE: EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE, CYPRUS, AND ETHIOPIA.

2. EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE: POLITICAL DIRECTORS REVIEWED SUBJECT ONLY
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BRIEFLY, SINCE THE BALL NOW SEEMS TO BE IN THE ARABS' COURT. THE

ARABS HAVE STILL NOT REPLIED TO THE EUROPEAN PROPOSAL FOR BY-PASS-
ING THE PLO PROBLEM. THE EUROPEANS HAVE ALREADY WORKED OUT A
DOCUMENT CONTAINING TECHNICAL PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS THAT SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED WHEN THE DIALOGUE BEGINS (SEPTTEL-NOTAL). THIS PAPER
WILL BE GIVEN TO THE ARABS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, PERHAPS OVER WEEK-
END OF MARCH 8/9.

3. CYPRUS: POLITICAL DIRECTORS REVIEWED THE STATE OF PLAY IN
UNSC AND, OF COURSE, DECIDED THAT THEY SHOULD FULLY SUPPORT ANY
INITIATIVE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL. THE NINE WILL LEAVE ON THE
TABLE THEIR OWN OFFER TO PROVIDE GOOD OFFICES, BUT THEY NOW THINK
THE UNSYG WILL GET THE ROLE INSTEAD, AND THE EC NINE INTEND BACK
HIM FULLY.

4. ETHIOPIA: THE ITALIANS EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN, ESPEC-
IALLY FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR NATIONALS IN ERITREA. SEVERAL
OTHER COUNTRIES WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN GENERAL ETHIOPIA SITUATION.
THIS WILL GIVE THE EC "AFRICA GROUP" ITS FIRST OPPORTUNITY IN SOME
TIME TO HOLD MEETINGS AND DECIDE ON POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION
IN ETHIOPIA.

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